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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 of page 5 of the specification (second full paragraph of the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment) with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to the figures, the present invention 10 is shown to generally comprise a foam pad 11 for insertion substantially into the wound site 12 and a wound drape 13 for sealing enclosure of the foam pad 11 at the wound site 12. According to the invention, the foam pad 11 is modified to comprise an optical pigtail 14, whereby a desired wavelength of light, within a significant portion of the spectrum between approximately 300nm and approximately 1500nm, may be directed into and about the wound site 12. After insertion into the wound site 12 and sealing with the wound drape 13, the foam pad 11 is placed in fluid communication with a vacuum source for promotion of fluid drainage, as known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Although the foam pad 11 is modified from prior art pads in that the pad 11 of the present invention comprises the optical pigtail 14, the optical pigtail 14 is noninvasive to the known V.A.C. therapy and requires no modification thereof.